

Senate Bill 250

By: Senators Jordan of the 6th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Williams of the 39th, Harrell of the 40th and Karinshak of the 48th

AS PASSED SENATE

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT**

1 To amend an Act creating the State Court of Fulton County, approved March 24, 1976 (Ga.
2 L. 1976, p. 3023), as amended, so as to provide for the appointment of pro tempore judges,
3 pro hac judges, and judicial officers and their compensation; to provide for related matters;
4 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 An Act creating the State Court of Fulton County approved March 24, 1976 (Ga. L. 1976,
8 p. 3023), as amended, is amended by revising subsection (a) of Section 6 and by adding a
9 new subsection to read as follows:

10 "(a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c.1) of this section, the number of judges
11 of the State Court of Fulton County shall be the same as the combined total of the judges
12 of the Civil Court of Fulton County and of the Criminal Court of Fulton County at the time
13 of the creation of this court. The salaries, terms, qualifications and method of election of
14 the judges of the State Court of Fulton County shall be as provided for the judges of the
15 Civil Court of Fulton County at the time of the creation of this court. The current term of
16 office of each judge at the creation of the State Court of Fulton County shall be the same
17 as provided by law prior to said court's creation."

18 "(c.1) The chief judge of the state court, upon a majority vote of the judges of the state
19 court provided for in subsections (a) and (b) of this section, may appoint up to four
20 individuals to serve at the pleasure of the state court as pro tempore judges, pro hac judges,
21 and judicial officers on a part-time basis. The compensation of pro tempore judges, pro hac
22 judges, and judicial officers so appointed shall be determined by a majority vote of the
23 judges of the state court provided for in subsections (a) and (b) of this section, subject to
24 ratification by resolution of the governing authority of Fulton County."

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SECTION 2.

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All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.